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Nestor of the present generation of historians would have been delighted with such a book as this, and would have said that it puts past and present in their rational perspective.

A. W. S.

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*The Evolution of Sex.* By PROFESSORS PATRICK GEDDES AND J. ARTHUR THOMPSON. Second edition. London: Walter Scott; New York: Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, 1901. Pp. xx + 342. \$1.50.

THE student of any science is compelled to use the results of other sciences related to his own, though recognizing that these results are not complete or final; and the student of society who is occupied with the question of the relation of the facts of sex and reproduction to social life finds, perhaps, in this volume the best statement on the biological side of the meaning of sex.

During the ten years which have passed since the first edition the authors have been diverging biologically—one toward a neo-Lamarckian position, the other toward a neo-Darwinian one; but they remain agreed in the main on the fundamental propositions of sex and reproduction set forth in the first edition.

W. I. THOMAS.

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*Die Arbeiterschutzgesetzgebung in den europäischen Ländern.* Von DR. J. H. VAN ZANTEN. Jena: Gustav Fischer, 1902. Pp. 337.

THE legislation of European countries in the field of "factory laws" is rapidly advancing with the growth of socialistic demands, economic knowledge, and humanitarian feeling. It is desirable to have such a survey and comparative view of the most important facts as we have in this volume, and all kept up to date. On the basis of sources, to which a full index is furnished, the author arranges the protective provisions of England, Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium, and other European countries; and closes with a comparison of all the materials. The topics covered are: the labor contract, the account, responsibility for accidents, factory children, apprentices, protection of female workers, adult workingmen, truck, execution of the law, decision of disputes, mercantile employees.

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